2. The present membership of the Committee is the following:

Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania)*
Mr. Gérard Biraud (France)***
Ms. Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba)***
Ms. Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica)**
Mr. Hasan M. Jawarneh (Jordan)*
Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan)**
Mr. Vladimir V. Kuznetsov (Russian Federation)***
Mr. Mahamane Amadou Maiga (Mali)*
Mr. E. Besley Maycock (Barbados)*
Mr. C. S. M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania)*
Mr. Rajat Saha (India)**
Ms. Susan M. Shearouse (United States of America)***
Mr. Juichi Takahara (Japan)**
Mr. Roger Tchoungui (Cameroon)***
Mr. Nicholas A. Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**
Mr. Giovanni Luigi Valenza (Italy)**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Barac, Mr. Jawarneh, Mr. Maiga, Mr. Maycock and Mr. Mselle will expire on 31 December 2000, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its fifty-fifth session, to appoint five persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2001.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-fifth session.